

DRAFT–Awaiting Formal Approval
**MINUTES OF THE
EXECUTIVE OFFICES AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**
Thursday, February 2, 2017 • 8:00 a.m. • 25 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher, Senate Chair
Rep. Eric K. Hutchings, House Chair
Rep. Bruce R. Cutler, House Vice Chair
Sen. Curtis S. Bramble
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Rep. James A. Dunnigan
Rep. Brian S. King
Rep. Merrill F. Nelson
Rep. Tim Quinn
Rep. Angela Romero

Rep. V. Lowry Snow
Rep. Logan Wilde

Members Absent:

Sen. Margaret Dayton
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Sen. Ralph Okerlund

Staff Present:

Mr. Gary R. Syphus, Fiscal Analyst
Mr. Alexander R. Wilson, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Debbie Benson, Administrative Assistant

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at le.utah.gov.

House Chair Hutchings called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m. He discussed the directive from the Executive Appropriations Committee regarding the base budget. He mentioned the base budget and stated that possible adjustments may be discussed. He stated that performance measures may also be discussed.

EOCJ Chairs Starting Point
Issue Brief - 2017 General Session - Intent Language for Performance Measures
Base Budget Options - EOCJ - 2017 GS

1. Utah Communications Authority

Mr. Dave Edmunds, Executive Director, Utah Communications Authority explained the major functions of the UCA. He mentioned that the system does need to be upgraded. He discussed work with the private sector.

Utah Communications Authority Budget History
Utah's Statewide Communications System - 2017 GS

Mr. Edmunds introduced other individuals associated with the UCA. He discussed some upgrades to the system. He also discussed performance measures they are currently working on.

Mr. Edmunds discussed the progress made on the state auditor's recommendations.

House Chair Hutchings asked for clarifications regarding the upgrade process. Mr. Edmunds gave further clarification for the progress being made.

Mr. Edmunds continued his presentation regarding the UCA performance measures.

2. Voting: Base Budget and Performance

House Chair Hutchings explained the voting process involved with the Base Budget and Performance measures.

Linked EOCJ Base Budget Bill (SB0006)

House Chair gave further explanation regarding the document distributed to committee members.

Ms. Missy Larsen, Chief of Staff, Attorney General's office explained the Boy's and Girl's Club program regarding web safety.

Mr. Mike Hadden, Deputy Director, Department of Corrections spoke about AP & P leases, Dispatch Services, and the medical line item.

Rep. Dunnigan asked for clarification regarding this issue. Mr. Gary Syphus, Fiscal Analyst, explained these budget items. House Chair Hutchings also discussed the medical funding issue.

Rep. Quinn asked about the budget shortfall and asked about the more expensive medical procedures. Mr. Hadden answered his question and will follow up about the Hepatitis C vaccination.

House Vice Chair Cutler asked for clarification regarding the budget sheet distributed to the committee. Mr. Syphus explained the amounts listed on the sheet.

Rep. Dunnigan asked for more clarification regarding the possible reallocations. Mr. Syphus answered this question.

Ms. Susan Burke, Director of Juvenile Justice Services, gave a correction regarding ongoing and one-time funds. She discussed some internal allocations.

Rep. Snow stated that JJS has done a great job of reallocating funds and that this is part of future legislation and the justice reinvestment initiative.

Mr. Ron Gordon, Commission on Criminal & Juvenile Justice and Ms. Jennifer Yim, Executive Director, Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission discussed the extradition budget and the JPEC compensation reduction.

Rep. Quinn asked for clarification regarding the process. House Chair Hutchings answered this question. Sen. Bramble gave more information regarding the budget process and the branches of government. Senate Chair Thatcher also gave clarification regarding the bill.

MOTION: Senate Chair Thatcher moved to approve the base budget bill (SB 006) as shown and forward it to EAC for their consideration. The motion passed with a vote of 12-0-4.

Yeas:

Sen. C. Bramble
Rep. B. Cutler
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Sen. L. Fillmore
Rep. E. Hutchings
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. T. Quinn
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. V. Snow
Sen. D. Thatcher
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. M. Dayton
Rep. B. King
Sen. P. Knudson
Sen. R. Okerlund

MOTION: Senate Chair Thatcher moved to adopt the intent language for performance measures

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Senate Chair Thatcher moved to adopt the intent language from the LFA for performance measures and to include the Utah Communications Authority performance measures. The motion passed with a vote of 12-0-4.

Yeas:

Sen. C. Bramble
Rep. B. Cutler
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Sen. L. Fillmore
Rep. E. Hutchings
Sen. J. Iwamoto
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Rep. Snow asked the agencies to report on these performance measures as they come to present to the committee in future years. Senate Chair stated that this is part of the intent language. House Chair Hutchings discussed some past performance measures and audits.

Mr. Duncan Evans, Budget Manager, Governor's Office of Management (GOMB) gave some clarification regarding the GOMB budget items.

Rep. Nelson asked for clarification about the Roy Cone project. Mr. Evans answered his question.

Mr. Joe Brown, Administrative Services Division Director, Department of Public Safety expressed some concern about the possible budget reallocations.

House Vice Chair Cutler asked about the possibility of a rainy-day gas price fund. Mr. Brown answered this question.

Rep. Dunnigan asked questions about fee increases. Mr. Brown answered this question and House Chair Hutchings gave more clarification about this issue.

House Chair Hutchings also gave committee members instructions about future meetings.

House Vice Chair Cutler asked if any additional funds are available. House Chair Hutchings discussed the possibility of new funds.

3. Office of the Attorney General

Ms. Missy Larsen, Chief of Staff, Attorney General's office discussed some new building block and funding requests.

Attorney General Building Blocks Options

Ms. Kimberly Schmeling, Director of Finance and Administration gave more information about budget requests.

House Vice Chair asked about the number of staff members and attorneys. Ms. Schmeling answered this question.

Rep. Quinn asked about the average attorney salary. Ms. Schmeling answered this question specifically and also discussed the compensation problems in the AG's office.

Mr. Syphus and House Chair Hutchings gave information about the next meeting and gave instructions to committee members.

MOTION: House Vice Chair Cutler moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

House Chair Hutchings adjourned the meeting at 9:37 a.m.